

At a meeting of Toledo Post G. A. R. recently, a petition was presented, and unanimously signed, to ask Congress to pension the women enrolled as army nurses in the recent federal army.

Gov. Campbell called a special election to be held in the Defiance-Paulding district for the 28th of January. The Democrats held their nominating convention Wednesday, and nominated Hon. John L. Geyer.

On Tuesday night last, at his home in Wooster, Ohio, occurred the death of Hon. John McSweeney, the most prominent criminal lawyer in the State of Ohio. His death was caused by acute pneumonia.

The first census district, which is made up of Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot counties, with Gen. Kirby, of Wyandot, as supervisor.

Adam Forepaugh, the veteran circus manager, died at his home in Philadelphia, last Thursday. He was attacked a week ago with the influenza which resulted in pneumonia and caused his death. He leaves a wife, and one son, Adam, Jr. He was about 68 years of age and had amassed a fortune of about \$1,000,000.

The Cincinnati Enquirer is endeavoring to encourage the increasing of the Democratic party in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia, and offers a prize of \$100 for triplets and \$500 for quartet babies—four in a bunch. Fourteen sets of triplets and one quartet have already reported, and the returns are not all in yet.

It is reported that projectors of foreign syndicates have their eyes on the lake steamer lines, and that they have closed a bargain for all the vessels owned by the "Red stock" line, and propose to gobble all the others that they can. The seven vessels owned by the "Red stock" line are said to be valued at \$737,000.

A case of miscegenation in Toledo is reported in the Commercial Thursday. A Charles Harris, colored waiter, who is said to be very repulsive in appearance, married a quiet, modest girl named Katie Albert, the ceremony being performed by a colored minister. His employer immediately discharged him and sent for the girl's mother, and her reception of the news was pitiful. She tried to find the erring daughter, for the purpose of effecting a separation but the dusky chap had concealed his white wife and she could not be found. It seems, however, that the girl was clearly in love with the negro, repulsive, spotted and black as he is, and was told by him that she would be compelled to give up all her white associates and relatives and move exclusively in the colored society, to which she replied that she didn't care, saying, "I love you and am willing to become your wife." The law against miscegenation, it seems, was repealed about a year ago, thus making it legal for whites and blacks to marry.

## We've Got It.

What, the gripe? No the remedy. A gentleman informs us that a certain cure for La Grippe can be found in the following simple remedy: Take a tea-cup nearly full of strained honey, and squeeze the juice of one lemon into it. Heat the honey as hot as possible to be taken. As soon as the first symptoms of La Grippe are felt, commence taking the hot honey in doses of one teaspoonful every half hour. This is said to be a safe and certain remedy.

## Maumee River Steamboat Company.

The Maumee River Steamboat company held its annual meeting last evening and re-elected the former board of directors and officers. They are T. C. Furney, president; C. P. Curtis, secretary and treasurer; George W. Bills, M. I. Wilcox, and Capt. Al Fitts. The matter of a consolidation of interests with the Presque Isle company was discussed, and the president was made a committee of one to confer with that company.—Bee.

## Death of Levi F. Clafin.

On Tuesday morning, at 8 o'clock, January 21, 1890, at Maumee, announcement was made of the death of Levi F. Clafin, who for the past 28 years has been a resident of the Maumee Valley. He was taken with La Grippe on Saturday last, which terminated in pneumonia.

Mr. Clafin was born in Northampton, Mass., July 31, 1864. He was educated at Williams College, by earning the money necessary for his education. The next fifteen years after leaving college were spent in teaching, after which he moved to Ohio and engaged in business. During his residence in the Maumee Valley he has been identified with the business of manufacturing paper.

He leaves a wife and one son. The funeral services were held at 1 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, Jan'y 23, 1890, and the remains interred in Ft. Meigs Cemetery at Perrysburg.



## AN EASTERN TALE.

A king once summoned his three sons, And thus addressed the anxious ones: "Go forth, my sons, through all the earth And search for articles of worth; Then he who brings the choicest thing, Shall in my stead be crowned as king."

In one year's time again they meet, And kneel before the sovereign's feet: And as with gracious outstretched hand, He welcomed home the youthful band, He natural eagerness expressed, To see the objects of their quest. The first such lustrous pearls displays, That every tongue is loud in praise. So white, the snow-flakes on their way Compared to them are dull and gray. The next a diamond more pure, And larger than the Koh-i-noor, That shone with such a brilliant light. The sunbeams, shamed, withdrew from sight.

'Twas hard to choose between the two, The monarch knew not what to do. The third is standing calmly there; Now, with a half triumphant air And smile of confidence and hope, He shows a cake of Ivory Soap, So peerless in its purity. That dirt, alarmed, takes wings to fly. The old king, as it meets his sight, Grasps it, and cries in wild delight: "No more confusion or dismay, No more cold meals on washing day. Subjects! my youngest son obey, The Ivory Soap has won the day."

## A WORD OF WARNING.

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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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#### First Quarter, Jan 25 '90

LESSON III.—Luke 1:67-80.  
TITLE—Joy Over the Child Jesus.  
TOPIC—The Savior's Birth Honored.

OUTLINE—1. Honored by a Heavenly Messenger, vs. 8-12.  
2. Honored by the Heavenly Host, vs. 13-14.  
3. Honored by the Favored Shepherds vs. 15-20.

GOLDEN TEXT—Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased.

CENTRAL TRUTH—The coming of Jesus Christ is the proof and promise of God's love to men.

### LESSON SUGGESTIONS.

It was nearly six months after the death of John that Joseph and Mary went from Nazareth to Bethlehem for the purpose of being enrolled, according to the decree of Caesar Augustus, commanding all Jews to go "every one of his own city" to be enrolled. It was at Bethlehem where their common father David was born, and here there were such crowds from all parts of the land that no room could be found for them at the inn, and they were compelled to get shelter in the stable, and there it was that Jesus was born.

Our chronology accepts December 25, as the time, or the year of Rome 749. The visit of the shepherds mentioned in our lesson occurred on the night of the birth of the child Jesus.

Bethlehem is six miles south of Jerusalem. The exact site of the nativity is not positively known. Over its traditional site a church was built in the fourth century by Princess Helena, and a Latin convent is now there. A church was also built about a mile east of the convent as marking the spot where the shepherds were when they saw the heavenly vision.

Persons—The shepherds, an Angel, a "multitude of the heavenly host," the child, the mother and Joseph.

Incidents—Shepherds watching; the heavenly vision and the appearance of the angel; fear of the shepherds; comforting words of the angel; singing of the heavenly host; visit of the shepherds to the stable at Bethlehem; the wonder with which their story was received; the effect upon Mary; return of the shepherds.

### LESSON SUGGESTIONS.

Honored by a Heavenly Messenger—The shepherds were guarding their flocks by night. An Angel "stood by them" or "over them," sudden appeared to them, and "the glory of the Lord" as it abode on Mount Sinai, as it filled the tabernacle, as in another instance it filled the house of the Lord, "shown round about them." It was a scene of brightness and splendor, a sweep of heavenly radiance. The scene was one of startling grandeur, and its suddenness, its remarkable character filled those simple-minded shepherds with fear and awe, "there were some afraid" but the angels gave them comforting assurance and calmed their fears, by saying he brought them "good tidings of great joy." It was the grandest message ever given to man; it was for all people, all nations. It was the fulfillment of God's promise to the Jewish nation, as given to his prophets. It was the announcement of the promised Messiah. "There is born to you a Savior," none other than "Christ, the Lord." They were privileged to verify the truth of the Angel's words, by going to Bethlehem, and they might be assured that the babe was the long promised Savior

by finding it "wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Honored by the Heavenly Host—But the announcement of the angel was at once confirmed by the sudden appearance of "a multitude of the heavenly host praising God." A multitude comprising angels, archangels, seraphim—What a throng of Heaven's inhabitants, and what a joy amid this celestial throng as they sang,

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased."

Here was praise and rejoicing in the highest degree over the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. It was praise to the highest being in the highest realms, by the highest worshippers. It was adoration to the Prince of Peace, and the burden of the heavenly song was peace—peace from the Father, by the Son to earth's millions, though their sins were as scarlet.

Honored by the Favored Shepherds—When that splendid scene faded away and the heavenly host returned to their blissful abode, then the shepherds counseled together and concluded to test the words of the angel—to go to Bethlehem and "see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us." They at once went to Bethlehem. They did not delay, they did not go leisurely, but they went with haste, and they found all true as the angel had told them. They had faith and hope. It was no idle curiosity. They at once began to tell the wonderful story. They proclaimed it to all they met. All who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. And when they returned they further honored the great event in glorifying and praising God. Their hearts were filled with thankfulness for all they had heard, all they had seen, and for the wonderful gift of God to Man.

## The Verdict Unanimous.

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